Sl. No.	Project	Status
		TPA sponge iron capacity already gone into production.
11.	Deo Mines & Minerals Ltd.	Pre feasibility report has been prepared by M/s. M.N. Dastur & Co. (P) Ltd.
12.	Bhushan Steel & Strips Ltd.	Land acquisition in progress. Feasibility report repared by MECON.
13.	Jindal Strips Ltd.	300 acres of land has been allotted at Duburi Industrial Complex. Feasibility report under preparation by MECON.
14.	Scaw Industries Limited	55 acres of land in Gundichapada Industrial Estate has already been allotted.

Subsidy to steel exporters

†1474. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether steel producing group of American companies have alleged that Government is providing subsidy to steel exporters due to which steel industry of America is at stake; and

(b) if so, the total subsidy which is being provided to steel exporters alongwith reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since 1998 USA has initiated three anti-subsidy and a safeguard investigations against import of steel products from India. In these investigations various export promotion schemes of Government of India like Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB), Advance Licence, Special Import Licence, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG), Tax Exemption for export profits under Income Tax Act - 80 HHC and Programmes being administered by various State Governments have been targeted. All these schemes

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are generic in nature and available to all industries and not specifically to the steel industry alone. Since these schemes are not steel specified, the subsidy element cannot be readily quantified. The Steel Development Fund (SDF) monitored by Ministry of Steel as well as loan guarantees given by Government of India to public sector steel plants have also been targeted in these investigations.

Production and export of coal based sponge iron

1475. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is the largest coal based sponge iron producer in the world;

(b) if so, the major producers of coal based sponge iron and their production and export during 2001-2002, 2002-2003; and

(c) the targets fixed for production and export during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production of major coal based sponge iron units is given below:

Sl. No.	Unit	Production ('000 tonnes) 2001-02	2002-03
1.	Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.	561	590
2.	Tata Sponge Iron Ltd.	228	236
3.	Prakash Industries Ltd.	163	222
4.	Monnet Ispat Ltd.	132	195
5.	Bihar Sponge Iron Ltd.	151	154
6.	Sree Metaliks Ltd.	69	135
7.	Sunflag Iron & Steel Co.	120	123
8.	Orissa Spong Iron Ltd.	101	113
9.	Lloyds Metals & Engg. Ltd.	107	107
10.	Bellary Steel & Alloys	58	92